

Welcome to WCCA's Third Grade!

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Curriculum Basics



Our Overall Goal -

By third grade, we see attention spans increasing, an interest in perfecting skills and detailed activities, and the pursuit of varied and numerous interests.

As academic understanding increases, our objective for your third graders is to help them become more responsible as they begin to set goals and realize the consequences of their decisions. Not only will they continue mastering the basic skills needed for future academic growth, but it is our goal that all students will leave third grade feeling both confident and successful!

Via the Positive Action for Christ **Bible** curriculum, students are encouraged to apply God's truth to all subject areas and to their lives. Emphasis is put upon character traits such as obedience, thankfulness, honesty, love, faith, forgiveness, patience, loyalty, wisdom, self-control, and contentment. Scripture is memorized and tested weekly, and students attend a weekly chapel with fourth and fifth grade students.

Imagine It!, WCCA's comprehensive **Reading and Language Arts** curriculum from SRA/McGraw-Hill, represents a substantial investment in providing the best for our students. This proven, research-based curriculum integrates spelling, grammar, reading, and writing into one cohesive program, with a strong emphasis on phonemic awareness, intentional phonics instruction, fluency, vocabulary, text comprehension, and writing strategies. Designed to meet the needs of students of varying abilities, the program engages all learners with high-interest literature, hands-on activities, cross-curricular connections, and critical thinking skills.

Mathematics is taught from the A Beka curriculum and is the perfect vehicle to illustrate God's law and order in the universe. Areas covered include re-grouping, dividing, graphing, multiplication tables through twelve, money problems, time, simple geometric figures, measurement, fractions, word problems, and introductory algebraic concepts.

ACSI Purposeful Design **Science** curriculum capitalizes on human curiosity about the world and its workings. It engages students in hands-on investigations about the world around them. Specifically, students study ecosystems, electricity, magnets, the nervous and musculoskeletal systems, rocks, soil, the solar system, stars, and motion. Students also learn

the importance of healthy bodies, which are temples of the Holy Spirit.

Students are introduced to American history through the A Beka **History** curriculum and study the lives of famous Americans. Character qualities, reinforced by Scripture, are emphasized in each person's life. Other areas of study include continents, Pilgrims, colonial America, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, and westward expansion. Our goals for this curriculum include the development of applicable character qualities, an increased respect for authority, and strengthened map skills.

The development of one's whole self must include physical activity, creativity, and musical understanding and expression. Therefore, rounding out our core curriculum, third graders receive weekly, age-appropriate instruction in **physical education, art, and music**. Our music program includes opportunities for students to perform in an annual Christmas concert and spring chapel.

Students learn basic **library** skills, including instruction in the Dewey Decimal system and reading maps and atlases, in our library. Third graders continue to develop their **computer** skills in our computer lab by learning basic keyboarding functions and building upon classroom instruction through math and language software.

Peacemakers is a school-wide program designed to equip students with the social and Biblical skills to appropriately handle conflict.

And finally, students participate in at least four off-campus field trips throughout the year to such places as the Lawrence Hall of Science and the Bay Aquarium.

WCCA Sample Third Grade Schedule

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:35-9:15	Bible	Bible	Chapel	Bible Review	Bible Test
9:15-9:40	Math	Math	Math Test	Math	Math
9:40-10:00	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
10:00-10:40	Computers	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
10:40-11:15	Reading	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling Test
11:15-11:40	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
11:40-12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:00-12:30	Creative Writing/ Language	Creative Writing/ Language	Creative Writing/ Language	Creative Writing/ Listening	Creative Writing/ Language
12:30-1:15	Library	History	Handwriting/Cursive	History	Music
1:15-2:00	P.E.	1:30-2:00 Break	P.E.	1:30-2:00 Break	P.E.
2:00-2:45	Spelling	Science	Art	Science	Handwriting/ Cursive

Quotes from Parents...

“Our son started here in third grade. Since that time, we have been very happy with how WCCA has helped develop his reading abilities. Now in his third year of Powerline, we have noticed significant improvement every year. From third grade on, the teachers have always been willing to work with us to ensure his success!”

Mike and Christina Politis

“Third grade has been a great year for learning responsibility. Students are taught how to plan ahead for tests and practice responsibility in their daily homework and weekly tests. We like the focus on character trait development as illustrated in the study of the Old Testament.”

Steve and Cindy Bolter

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